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REFERENCE: Mission 4036,

MILITARY ACTIVITY TINDOUF, ALGERIA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

INCREASED MILITARY ACTIVITY NEAR THE

ALGERIAN/MOROCCAN BORDER.

2. LOCATION:

IN WESTERN ALGERIA, APPROXIMATELY 14 NM SE

OF THE DISPUTED ALGERIAN/MOROCCAN BORDER.

3. REMARKS:

IN OCTOBER 1963, A LONG-STANDING BORDER

DISPUTE BETWEEN ALGERIA AND MOROCCO ERUPTED INTO ARMED CONFLICT.

SINCE THAT TIME, ALGERIA, WITH SOVIET ASSISTANCE, HAS EMBARKED UPON
AN EXTENSIVE MILITARY BUILD-UP. INCLUDED IN THE ALGERIAN INVENTORY
OF SOVIET EQUIPMENT SINCE THE FIRST DELIVERY IN OCTOBER 1963 ARE
MEDIUM TANKS, SP GUNS, BEAGLE BOMBERS, MIG AIRCRAFT, KOMAR BOATS, AND
SAM EQUIPMENT.

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6. NEGATION DATE:

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7. SÚBSEQUENT COVERAGE:

FOUR KH-7 MISSIONS

8. <u>DIMENSIONS/</u>
SPECIFICATIONS:

TINDOUF AIRFIELD RUNWAYS

7750 x 100 FT E/W (SERVICEABLE PIERCED STEEL

PLANKING)

7200 x 210 FT NNE/SSW (SERVICEABLE SAND)
2300 x 205 FT NW/SE (SERVICEABLE SAND)

MISSION READOUT: MISSION 4029 REVEALED A SECURED AND WALLED MAIN GARRISON AREA ON THE WSW EDGE OF TINDOUF CONTAINING 6 PROBABLE BARRACKS, 1 HEADQUARTERS/ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 1 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE BUILDING, 1 VEHICLE STORAGE SHED, 16 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS AND A PARADE GROUND. DIRECTLY WEST OF THE GARRISON AREA IS A SECURED POL STORAGE AREA CONTAINING 2 HORIZONTAL AND 3 CIRCULAR STORAGE TANKS AND 1 STORAGE BUILDING. ADJACENT TO AND WEST OF POL AREA IS A SECURED MUNITIONS STORAGE AREA CONTAINING 3 REVETTED STORAGE BUILDINGS AND 11 EARTH COVERED STORAGE BUILDINGS (1 UNDER CONSTRUCTION). A SECOND SECURED GARRISON AREA LOCATED ON THE EXTREME WESTERN EDGE OF TOWN CONTAINS 5 PROBABLE BARRACKS, 1 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 2 STORAGE

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BUILDINGS, 1 VEHICLE MAINTENANCE BUILDING, 1 VEHICLE STORAGE BUILDING, 5 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS, A PARADE GROUND AND A VEHICLE PARK. UNOCCUPIED FORTRESSES ARE LOCATED AT THE NORTHWEST EDGE AND THE NORTH THE NORTHWEST FORT IS WALLED AND CONTAINS 1 POSSIBLE EDGE OF TOWN. VEHICLE STORAGE SHED AND 1 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDING. THE NORTH FORT IS SECURED AND WALLED AND CONTAINS 2 PROBABLE BARRACKS BUILDINGS, 1 POSSIBLE VEHICLE STORAGE SHED AND 4 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS. A POSSIBLE DEFENSIVE LINE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION FROM A POINT 5 NM EAST OF THE TOWN AREA - EXTENDING NORTHWEST TO A POINT 4 NM NORTH OF TOWN CONTINUING WEST TO POINT APPROXIMATELY 5 NM NORTHWEST OF TOWN THEN DROPPING SOUTHWARDS FOR 1 MILE. THE DEFENSIVE LINE CONSISTS OF COMMUNICATIONS TRENCHES WITH POSSIBLE BUNKERS. TWO FIELD ARTILLERY POSITIONS ARE UNDER CONSTRUCTION 1 NM WEST OF TOWN.

OB: 9 CARGO TRUCKS AND 1 MOTORIZED GRADER.

MISSION 4036 REVEALS 3 ADDITIONAL EARTH COVERED STORAGE BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN ADDED (1 UNDER CONSTRUCTION) IN THE MUNITIONS STORAGE AREA. THE WEST GARRISON AREA CONTAINS 1 ADDITIONAL VEHICLE STORAGE SHED. THE NORTH FORT IS CURRENTLY OCCUPIED. AND TWO PROBABLE BARRACKS BUILDING

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HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN RENOVATED (PREVIOUS MISSIONS REVEALED THAT ROOFS HAD BEEN REMOVED AND THEN REPLACED). ONE PROBABLE ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING, 3 STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS AND 6 TENTS HAVE ALSO BEEN ADDED. A NEW TENT CAMP AREA APPROXIMATELY 2 NM WEST OF TOWN CONTAINS 62 TENTS. A 4 GUN AAA SITE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE AIRFIELD IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE SUPPORT AREA AND A 4 EMPLACEMENT FA SITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 2 NM NE OF TOWN. CONTINUOUS CONSTRUCTION OF THE PERIMETER DEFENSE LINE HAS ADDED COMMUNICATIONS TRENCHES, AND PERSONNEL TRENCHES WITH FIRING POINTS FOR PROBABLE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, AND HAS BEEN EXTENDED FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER SOUTHWARD WHERE PERSONNEL SHELTERS (FOXHOLES) OF THE TENT CAMP AREA HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED.

OB: 24 CARGO TRUCKS, 7 PROBABLE CARGO TRUCKS, 2 PROBABLE VAN TRAILERS, 8 PROBABLE 57/85 MM AAA GUNS, AND 2 POSSIBLE RANGER (AA DIRECTORS).

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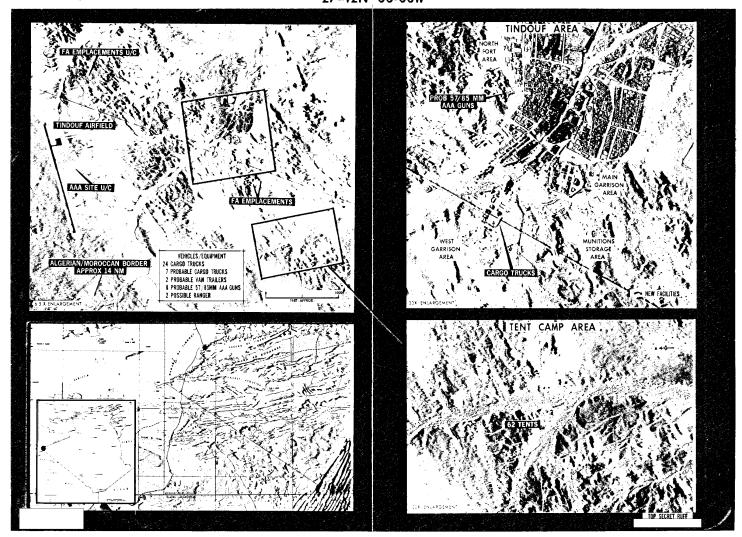
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